

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 10/7/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Gerald T. Shea 781-5800	
(4) SUBJECT Request to appoint District Attorney-elect Dan Dow as District Attorney effective November 7, 2014 to replace current District Attorney Gerald Shea who will be retiring, effective November 6, 2014			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board appoint District Attorney-Elect Dan Dow to take office on November 7, 2014 to replace current District Attorney Gerald Shea, who will be retiring November 6, 2014.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent { } Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est. ____) { X } Board Business (Time Est. <u>10 mins.</u>)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances { X } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { X } N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: District Attorney / Gerald T. Shea
781-5800

DATE: 10/7/2014

SUBJECT: Request to appoint District Attorney-elect Dan Dow as District Attorney effective November 7, 2014 to replace current District Attorney Gerald Shea who will be retiring, effective November 6, 2014

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board appoint District Attorney-Elect Dan Dow to take office on November 7, 2014 to replace current District Attorney Gerald Shea, who will be retiring November 6, 2014.

DISCUSSION

District Attorney Gerald Shea has informed the Board of his intention to retire as of November 6, 2014. Under California Government Code section 25304 it is the Board's responsibility to fill by appointment a vacancy occurring in the Office of the County's District Attorney.

Mr. Shea was last elected District Attorney in June, 2010. The appointed replacement, District Attorney-Elect Dan Dow, would thus hold this office for the remainder of the current term and would be formally sworn in on January 5, 2015 for the succeeding four year term beginning on that date.

The District Attorney's mission is to bring justice and safety to our community by aggressively and fairly prosecuting crime and protecting the rights of crime victims. Therefore, an orderly transition of leadership is not only important for the staff of the District Attorney's office, but also for County Government as a whole. For this reason, Mr. Shea has made his retirement plans known in advance to allow the Board to consider the appointment and for District Attorney-Elect Dan Dow to prepare for assumption of office.

Mr. Shea is recommending that the Board appoint District Attorney-Elect Dan Dow to take office November 7, 2014. If your Board appoints District Attorney-Elect Dow he would have time to, among other things, recruit and select a new Assistant District Attorney, select and assign new Deputy District Attorneys currently being recruited, modify office policies in response to new legislation taking effect January 1, 2015, and realign office assignments as necessary in response to the Superior Court's extensive calendar reorganization which is to take effect in early November.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed this matter. The County Administrator supports the recommendation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional costs or savings expected based on this recommendation.

RESULTS

This action will result in a seamless transition of leadership in the District Attorney's office and insure that vital departmental services continue to be provided effectively to County law enforcement agencies specifically and to the public in general.